

# ILLINOIS WEATHER & CROPS



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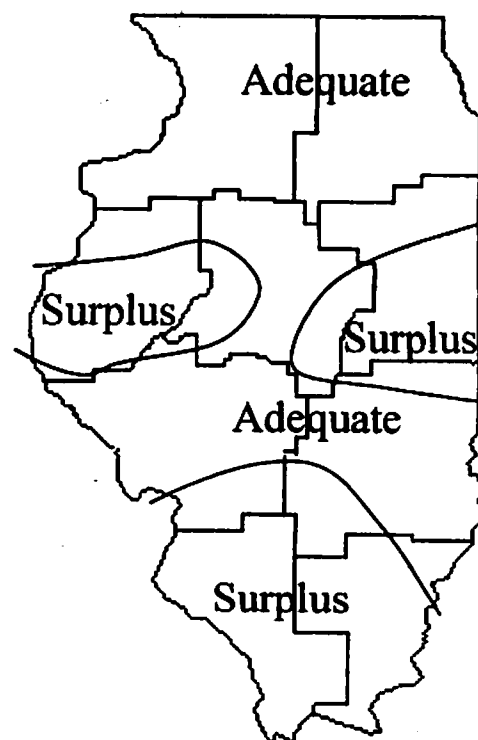
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Above average temperature and precipitation was recorded statewide last week as farmers were busy with many field activities. In addition to planting corn and soybeans, farmers had an average of 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork to do such things as spray the corn crop with herbicides and pesticides, cut and bale hay, and replant corn acres due to the excess moisture. As of May 24, the corn crop was 92 percent planted, compared to 98 percent last year and 76 percent for the five-year average. Soybeans are 50 percent planted compared to 86 percent last year and the five-year average of 41 percent. The climate conditions have continued to push the wheat crop ahead as 41 percent of the crop is filled, compared to 13 percent last year and the five-year average of 14 percent. As of May 22, topsoil moisture was rated six percent short, 56 percent adequate and 38 percent surplus. Other farming activities last week included hoeing corn fields, hauling grain and tilling.

## Crop Progress

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	:	:	: 5-Year
Crop Stage	: 1998	: 1997	: Average
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May 24			
<b>CORN:</b>			
Planted	92	98	76
Emerged	60	NA	NA
<b>SOYBEANS:</b>			
Planted	50	86	41
Emerged	12	NA	NA
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Planted	25	41	17
<b>WINTER WHEAT:</b>			
Headed	94	69	64
Filled	41	13	14
Turning yellow	2	0	0
<b>OATS:</b>			
Headed	3	9	9
Filled	1	0	1
<b>ALFALFA HAY:</b>			
First cutting	30	15	14
<b>RED CLOVER:</b>			
Cut	27	15	10
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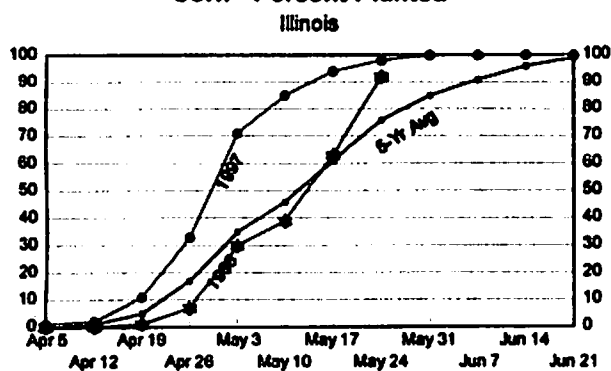
**Topsoil Moisture  
May 22**

### Crop Conditions

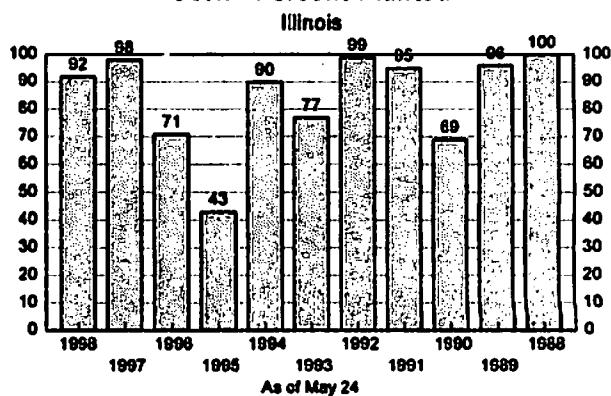
Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
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			May 22		
Winter Wheat	-	2	23	64	11
Oats	-	1	24	62	13
Alfalfa	-	1	16	64	19
Red Clover	-	1	13	68	18
Pasture	-	1	11	70	18

The charts on this page and the next are available from the World Wide Web site noted in the upper right corner on the front page. There are also additional charts at that site that are not shown here.

**Corn - Percent Planted**



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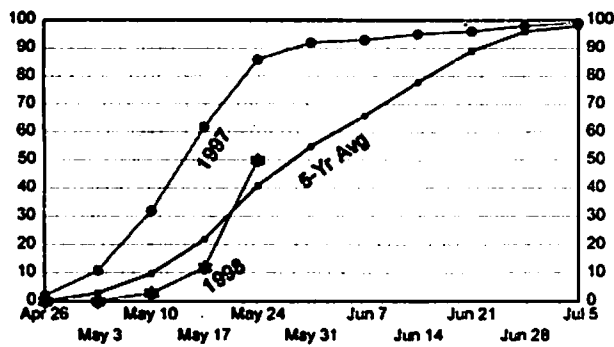
### Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Topsoil Moisture

District	Days Suitable	Topsoil Moisture			
	for				
	Fieldwork	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
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	May 16 - 22		May 22		
Northwest	5.7	-	5	86	9
Northeast	6.3	-	23	69	8
West	3.9	-	2	47	51
Central	4.7	-	3	54	43
East	4.9	-	4	40	56
W Southwest	5.3	-	5	61	34
E Southeast	5.8	-	1	53	46
Southwest	5.5	-	-	7	93
Southeast	6.0	-	-	40	60
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State	5.3	-	6	56	38

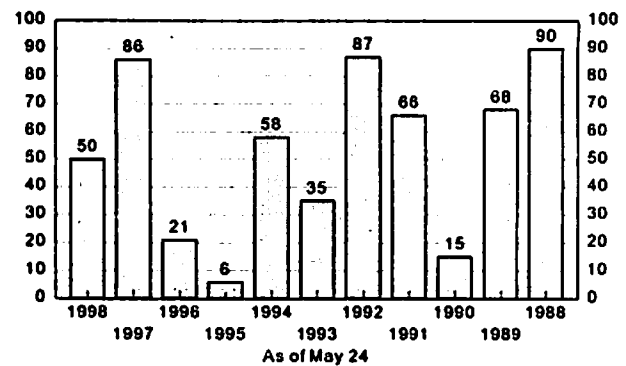
# **Illinois District Summary**

	:	Corn	:	Corn	:	Soybean	:	Soybean
District	:	Acreage %	:	Acreage %	:	Acreage %	:	Acreage %
	:	Planted	:	Emerg'd	:	Planted	:	Emerg'd
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	:	May 24						
Northwest	:	94		61		55		10
Northeast	:	92		43		39		12
West	:	88		59		43		15
Central	:	96		71		62		17
East	:	95		72		56		7
W Southwest	:	98		75		67		20
E Southeast	:	86		39		28		6
Southwest	:	93		16		32		4
Southeast	:	64		26		26		8
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State	:	92		60		50		12
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**Soybeans - Percent Planted**  
Illinois



**Soybeans - Percent Planted**  
Illinois



## **Temperature and Precipitation**

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average			Total		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
May 18 - 24						
Northwest	66.0	63.4	2.6	.86	.77	.10
Northeast	66.3	62.1	4.2	.55	.70	-.15
West	68.5	65.6	2.9	2.19	.80	1.39
Central	68.1	65.1	3.0	1.71	.81	.90
East	68.3	64.6	3.7	1.83	.83	.99
W Southwest	71.0	66.3	4.7	2.50	.83	1.68
E Southeast	71.2	66.3	4.9	2.37	.80	1.57
Southwest	74.5	67.5	7.1	1.60	.82	.79
Southeast	74.0	67.7	6.2	1.90	.85	1.04
State	69.6	65.3	4.3	1.72	.80	.92

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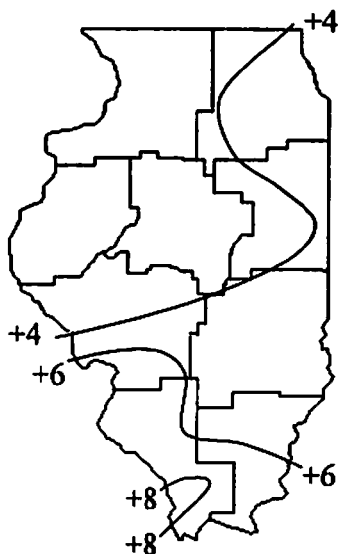
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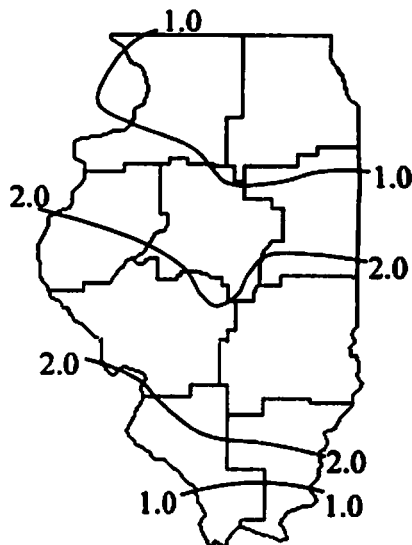
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Temperature Departure  
May 18 - 24



Precipitation Total  
May 18 - 24

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